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SUBJECT: GENERAL DEBATE ON NON-USE OF FORCE:
STATEMENTS BY BULGARIA, IRAQ, CYPRUS, AND BENIN

1. SUMMARY. GENERAL DEBATE CONTINUED IN THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE NON-USE OF FORCE ON THE MORNING OF AUGUST 29 WITH STATEMENTS BY BULGARIA (KOSTOV), IRAQ (AL-QAYSI), CYPRUS (JACOVIDES), AND BENIN (HOUNGAVOU). BULGARIA REITERATED THE SOVIET LINE; IRAQ WELCOMED THE SOVIET INITIATIVE (BUT PERCEIVED SOME INADEQUACIES IN THE SOVIET DRAFT TREATY) AND ENGAGED IN POLEMICS AGAINST THE UK; CYPRUS WELCOMED THE SOVIET DRAFT TREATY AS A STARTING POINT BUT STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES AND THE ROLE OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL; AND BENIN INDULGED IN RITUAL POLEMICS AGAINST INTERNATIONAL IMPERIALISM, RACIST REGIMES, AND INTERNATIONAL MERCENARIES. END SUMMARY.

2. ON THE MORNING OF AUGUST 29 BULGARIAN REP KOSTOV PRESENTED THE STANDARD SOVIET POSITION IN THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE NON-USE OF FORCE. HE WELCOMED THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SOVIET DRAFT TREATY AND ASSERTED THAT A WORLD TREATY ON THE NON-USE OF FORCE WOULD PROMOTE INTERNATIONAL TRUST, CONTRIBUTE TO INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY, AND HELP ESTABLISH THE RULE OF LAW OVER MIGHT. HE REJECTED THE ARGUMENT THAT SUCH A TREATY WOULD MERELY SERVE TO OVERLAP THE UN CHARTER OR WOULD SOMEHOW DEVIATE FROM THE CHARTER, AND HE ARGUED THAT THERE IS AMPLE

PRECEDENT FOR CHARTER PRINCIPLES BEING LAID DOWN AND AMPLIFIED IN TREATIES.

3. IRAQI REP AL-QAYSI DESCRIBED THE SOVIET INITIATIVE AS BEING "TIMELY, NECESSARY, AND RELEVANT." HE NOTED THAT THE IRAQI GOVERNMENT SUPPORTS IN PRINCIPLE A WORLD TREATY ON THE NON-USE OF FORCE, BUT HE MADE SEVERAL QUALIFYING OBSERVATIONS ON THE SOVIET DRAFT TREATY TEXT. HE BELIEVED THAT A WORLD TREATY SHOULD INCLUDE PROCEDURAL MECHANICS DESIGNED TO GAIN MAXIMUM ADHERENCE TO THE PRINCIPLE OF THE NON-USE OF FORCE, THAT A TREATY SHOULD INCLUDE DETAILS ON THE THREAT OF THE USE OF FORCE, THAT THE TREATY SHOULD MENTION THE "INHERENT RIGHT OF SELF-DEFENSE," THAT THE TREATY SHOULD INCLUDE THE STIPULATION THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO INFRINGEMENT ON THE RIGHT OF COLONIAL PEOPLES TO STRUGGLE FOR INDEPENDENCE AND EXERCISE THEIR RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION, AND THAT ARTICLE III OF THE SOVIET DRAFT MIGHT LEAD TO UNACCEPTABLE RESULTS BY NOT MAKING ANY DISTINCTIONS REGARDING TREATIES PREVIOUSLY CONCLUDED. AL-QAYSI ALSO INDULGED IN STANDARD POLEMICS IN DECRYING INTERNATIONAL MONOPOLIES' EXPLOITATION OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES OF COLONIAL LANDS AND IMPERIALIST INTERVENTION, DESTABILIZATION, SABOTAGE, POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC PRESSURE, AND BLACKMAIL. HE CHIDED THE BRITISH DELEGATE FOR REFERRING THE PREVIOUS DAY TO THE DEFENESTRATION OF PRAGUE, AND HE ACCUSED THE UK OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR THE "DEFENESTRATION OF PALESTINE." HE ALSO WORKED IN A RITUAL ATTACK ON THE "RACIST-ZIONIST ENTITY KNOWN AS ISRAEL."

4. CYPRIOT REP JACOVIDES WELCOMED THE SOVIET DRAFT TREATY AS A STARTING POINT AND A BASIS FOR FURTHER WORK, BUT HE LAID PARTICULAR STRESS ON MEANS FOR THE PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES. HE STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF ARTICLE VII OF THE UN CHARTER AND THE POTENTIAL IMPORTANCE OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL IN RESOLVING DISPUTES. HE WARNED THAT ANY EFFORT TO CONCLUDE A WORLD TREATY ON THE NON-USE OF FORCE SHOULD NOT DETRACT FROM PRINCIPLES OF THE UN CHARTER, BUT HE BELIEVED THAT SUCH A TREATY COULD REFINES CHARTER PRINCIPLES IN ORDER TO ELIMINATE LOOPHOLES AND ANY PRETENSE UNDER WHICH THE PRINCIPLE OF THE NON-USE OF FORCE CAN BE CIRCUMVENTED. YET HE ASSERTED THAT THE LEGITIMACY OF THE STRUGGLE OF COLONIAL OR OTHER DOMINATED OR DEPENDENT PEOPLES IS NOW RECOGNIZED AND THAT THIS STRUGGLE SHOULD NOT COME UNDER THE TREATY. JACOVIDES ALSO BELIEVED THAT A WORLD TREATY SHOULD CONTAIN AN EXPLICIT REFERENCE TO THE UNACCEPTABILITY OF THE ACQUISITION OF TERRITORY BY FORCE. HE MADE A RITUAL REFERENCE TO CYPRUS

AS THE VICTIM OF AGGRESSION, INVASION, AND THE "GROSS VIOLATION" OF THE PRINCIPLE OF THE NON-USE OF FORCE, AND HE DEPLORED THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY'S INABILITY TO TAKE EFFECTIVE REMEDIAL ACTION IN THE CASE OF CYPRUS.

5. HOUNGAVOU OF BENIN INDULGED IN RITUAL AND UNIMAGINATIVE POLEMICS AGAINST "INTERNATIONAL IMPERIALISM," THE RACIST REGIMES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, "INTERNATIONAL MERCENARIES," AND "NON-MILITARY INTERVENTION" SUCH AS BLACKMAIL OR ECONOMIC AID AIMED AT DESTABILIZING REGIMES. HOUNGAVOU MADE NO PERCEPTIBLE CONTRIBUTION TO THE LEGAL DEBATE ON THE NON-USE OF FORCE, BUT HE NOTED HIS DELEGATION'S SUPPORT FOR THE SOVIET DRAFT TREATY TEXT.

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